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Hongkong, 6th November, 1897. [13]

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1897.

To-day's Advertisements.

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'A Pair of Spectacles,'

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AND

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Doors Open each Evening at 8.45 p.m.

Performance, at 9.15 p.m.

PRICES..... \$3; \$2, and \$1.

Half-prices to the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors and Police in uniform.

Seats can be booked at the Theatre or and after Thursday, the 4th November.

Booking Office opens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Late Tickets 1 hour after fall of Curtain.

Note.—A number of Seats will be reserved for the Cricket Teams on Thursday, 11th Nov.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [1639]

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1897.

H. L. DENNYS,
Solicitor for the Chinese Government,

and the Owners of the s.s. Ningchow.

[1705] HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

PROMENADE CONCERT.

A PROMENADE CONCERT will be held at the VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, in Honour of the STATE OF SHANGHAI, and HONGKONG CRICKETTE.

The following vocalists have kindly promised to assist—Mrs. Dealy, Mrs. Jewell, Mr. C. H. Grace, Mr. S. H. Somerton, and Mr. R. Bentley. The programme will also include

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A special train will run a quarter of an hour after the concert.

ADMISSION: 1/-.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. Robinson and Co.'s Music Warehouse.

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [1704]

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ON THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [1691]

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ON SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [1701]

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THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [1702]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUZU-CANAL.

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A. Bendixen, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 15th instant.

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [1699]

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT MATCH.

THE MATCH will be FIRED on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at NOON. Lunch will be provided on the Range.

A. CHAPMAN,
Acting Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [164]

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (adjourned from the 8th instant) will be held in the CITY HALL on MONDAY, the 12th instant, at 5.30 P.M.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [1700]

BIRTH.
Oct. 10th, at No. 93, Nishiyama-dori,
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Nagasaki, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1897.

TROPICAL ILLUSIONS.

II.

The illusions regarding vegetation and animal life in the tropics, to which we alluded in our last, are by no means the only erroneous ideas that are widespread among the inhabitants of the temperate zone. Tropical fruits come in for their full share of praise, and even the ubiquitous betel nut is dreamed of by many as ranking with the products of the Garden of Paradise. ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE, the naturalist, than whom we shall in all probability never have a more careful observer of Nature, sums up the fruits of the tropics by saying that most of them are *edible* but not *eatable*. With fruits the disillusionment is not so rapid. They are new and strange, and new experiences are eagerly sought after by everyone. After a time, however, they begin to pall upon the appetite and one is seized with a great longing for the humble apple or pear, while to many a tropical exile a dish of English strawberries would be worth all the curious fruits by which he is surrounded. It is interesting to watch the expression of the globe-trotter as he is first introduced to the fruits of the East. To the mangosteen he takes naturally, and his appetite for bananas is usually insatiable. About the mangos he says a little, but one can see at a glance that it is distasteful to him with its peculiar flavour of turpentine. However, it is fashionable to eat mangos, so he pockets his disgust and by a supreme effort of will manages to appear as if he were trying to enjoy it. The durian is the greatest trial of the globe-trotter. He has heard of it all the voyage, and has doubtless read accounts of it, which have rendered his ideas on the subject anything but lucid or reassuring. A durian-lover gets hold of him at Singapore and trots him off to feast upon the king of fruits. Often the mere odour suffices for the novice, and the agony endured by many in their endeavours to eat a little is beyond description. He escapes from his durian-loving friend, feeling that life is no longer worth living in the company of such fruits, and he fills several pages of his diary with a long analysis of his feelings on the subject, but to all old residents in the East he avers, and truthfully too, that having tasted durian he feels that his object in life is accomplished. The old hand smiles; they too remember their first impression of the durian, but maintain a discreet silence upon the subject.

After having in some measure recovered from the effects of the durian, he realises that there can be no more trials left for him, and he remembers the glowing account he has heard and read of the sour sop. At last he has an opportunity of making the acquaintance of this fruit, and he beams kindly on all around him in anticipation of the treat in store. He helps himself to a liberal and juicy slice, generally at the same time filling the tips of his fingers with a multitude of small, but irritating spines, but, feeling that there is no rose without its attendant thorn, he closes his eyes and lets the juice run down his chin. The bitter to enjoy the delicious flavour of this angel's food; his mouth closes upon the spoon and his eyes open wide in astonishment when he realises that a little cotton wool and vinegar is all that he has partaken of. He glances quickly round the table to see if a practical joke is being played upon him, but the stolid faces of all as the fruit disappears banish the thought from his mind, and he has reluctantly admitted to himself that yet another of his golden dreams has fled.

So many ideals having been rudely shattered in such quick succession, the new arrival is cautious of exploring things too far lest he find that the real is all a hollow mockery. He recollects, however, that man always flies to woman for comfort in sorrow or disappointment, and his spirit rises again when he thinks of the glowing descriptions of the soft-eyed women of the tropics. His mind is made up; he will go and feast his eyes upon them, and their beauty and grace shall make amends for all the severe shocks his faith in things animate and inanimate has recently suffered. He sets forth and carefully keeps his eyes open for drinking in the beauty of the woman, but most of them are carefully kept out of sight and he can only now and again catch a glimpse. In the Mahomedan countries the women, instead of being imprisoned behind screens, are often allowed out but they carry their screens with them, in some form or other. At last he feels that he is to be rewarded, for as he advances further from the haunts of the Europeans, he sees some distance ahead a neat figure without the concealing head covering. He hurries forward to overtake her and steals a glance at her face only to find that her lips and teeth are disfigured by chewing betel nut and that her face is pitted by skin disease or small-pox. However, he thinks this may be an exception and eagerly continues his search, only to be further disillusioned, and he comes at last to the conclusion that tropical women are like all other things tropical—a fraud.

One last fond hope remains. He will gaze upon that noble savage and study his many grace undisguised by the traces of an effeminate civilization. Accordingly he journeys on, far from the track of Coon's tourists and the like, and at last reaches the land of the pure uncivilized savage. He commences his study of the nobility of man, but it gradually is forced upon him that the nobility does not exist except in the minds of his biographers. His savage friends are only too ready to assure him that this country can't entirely "run" the Hongkong roads, and he imposes a fine of \$1 for the assault.

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FOR THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1897.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1897.

Three choices were given on the call of Mr. A. G. Wise, the President of the H.K.C.C., for the Straits, and were heartily responded to by the visitor.

HONGKONG FIRST INNINGS.

La. Campbell	H.K.C.C.	and by Whibley
F. M. MacKenzie	12	12
A. O. Ward	run out	12
M. D. Wood	W.Y.R.	b. Whibley
T. C. Johnson	12	b. Whibley
A. F. MacKenzie	12	b. Whibley
T. F. Farncombe	not out	12
New, R. E. Wallace	12	b. Whibley
T. F. Farncombe	12	b. Whibley
J. H. R. Hastings	12	b. Whibley
I. M. Jenkins	12	b. Whibley
C. G. Gordon	W.Y.R.	b. T. R. Hubbard
Total	12	12

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M. R. W.
P. M. MacKenzie	12	12
N. J. Whibley	12	12
F. W. Talbot	12	12
A. J. W. MacKenzie	12	12
A. D. Hubbard	12	12

HONGKONG SECOND INNINGS.

	O.	M. R. W.
L. Campbell	12	12
F. M. MacKenzie	12	12
A. O. Ward	run out	12
M. D. Wood	W.Y.R.	b. Whibley
T. C. Johnson	12	b. Whibley
A. F. MacKenzie	12	b. Whibley
T. F. Farncombe	not out	12
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TO-MORROW'S MATCH.

An all-day match will be made in the dates of the matches and Shanghai will play the Straits tomorrow and Thursday and Hongkong will play Shanghaian Friday and Saturday.

A PAIR OF DREADFUL SPECTACLES.

Last night the Royal Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club performed "A Pair of Spectacles" in the Theatre Royal before an overflowing and enthusiastic audience, including some royal drunk. This sentence looks stereotyped, but there is more in it than meets the eye. The A.D.C. has not yet been gazetted "Royal," but that is we believe only a question of time and can be easily settled. The performance was called a dress rehearsal, but what's in a name?

The hall was as full as it would comfortably hold and some of the audience distinctly more so.

Upstairs the Upper Ten assembled in full force by invitation; and low persons who are not included in "all that is best of the youth—and maturity—of the Colony," and who had no invitation tickets, had to tip the hall boys twenty to fifty cents according to the sort of seat they fancied. Downstairs the Army and Navy numbered strong, gratis, and held a most enjoyable smoker—"Shanty where you like and pass the matcher," "Some of the audience in the pit, if not exactly drunk within the meaning of the Ordinance, were at any rate unable to stand without holding on to something. This is exactly the material for a first-class holocaust as complete as the Paris Charly Bazar—a crowded theatre, with a narrow spiral staircase like those inside warships' fighting-masts, and a crowd of people smoking and some of them drunk. The fire brigade usually makes preparation for any outbreak, and would have been ready last night if a fire had occurred, as it easily might; the City Hall is placarded (except at smoking concerts) with prohibitions of smoking where a "performance" is on, but this was only a "rehearsal," So the rule against smoking was suspended, or the crowd said "rules be hanged," which comes to the same thing. When the theatre-gate burnt down people will cease to smoke in it. Till then, we will continue to raise "unnecessary fuss about trifles."

The performance was wooden all through. There are some jokes that will raise a laugh even if spoken by a phonograph inside a wax doll, and these jokes went well; but it wasn't the acting that made them go. The ladies did what they could to infuse life into the performers of the sterner sex, but they were too stern altogether. A gentle mild old man, musing fondly and lingering remissively over the friendships of his childhood, and hesitating to eat meat, does not speak in a sharp incisive manner like an austere master wanting to finish in time for a trial. Also, a countryman who has been "seen London" and is wanting a shee-horn to put his hat on with, does not dash at his cues as if deadly anxious to anticipate the prompter. On the other hand, the prompter ought to be awake when wanted, and he ought not to be wanted too frequently nor too badly. It is a poor sort of actor who, when the prompter has gone away to see a man, can think of nothing else but to stand and look sheepish. Finally, the little spooning that should come into the play to fit the words, has been expanded, apparently for the actors just say their lines and stare vacantly at each other from a discreet distance, as if they had been eating onions. Altogether, there is far too little action in the performance. Every actor displays an impersonal zeal to get the words said and done with, and waste no time in arrant humbug, nor in performing with his mouth shut. It would do the A.D.C. good to practise a pantomime play for once, to go through a whole drama in dumbshow. If they tried that with "A Pair of Spectacles" as played last night it would be most ridiculous as a touching tragedy.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

FIRST CLUB RACE OF THE SEASON.

The first of a series of 12 races for the Club prizes for the season 1897-8 was sailed on Sunday, November 7th, a fairly strong but variable east wind the course was No. 3 of the Club course, and the following boats started at 1.30 p.m., the boats of both classes starting together:—Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 in the first-class, and 9, 10, 11 in the second-class. In the first-class *Erica* received 14 seconds and *Active* 20 seconds, and in second-class *Ladybird* received 2 minutes. *Maid Marian* and *Erica* got off with the gun, *Active* being nearly half a minute late and the rest some time after her. In the run down to the fairway, however, the order of the boats was *Maid Marian*, *Erica*, *Active*, *Phoebe*, *Chandler*, *Payne*, *Sybil*, *Dar*,

Ladybird and *Active*, the last going very slightly. The boats here appeared to divide into pairs, and some very pretty sailing took place between *Maid Marian* and *Erica*, *Active* and *Phoebe*, and *Payne* and *Ladybird*. In the beat to Metropolitan Dock buoy *Erica* passed *Maid Marian* and rounded the buoy with a lead of 21 seconds, the times here being—*Erica* 2.7.40, *Maid Marian* 2.8.6, *Active* 2.10.15, *Phoebe* 2.10.15, *Chandler* 2.10.30, *Ladybird* 2.15.15, *Payne* 2.15.50, *Sybil* 2.17.0, *Darl* 2.18.05, and *Active* 2.18.30. This order was maintained up to Kowloon Point, when *Chandler* and *Ladybird* went across the harbour bank-buoy. The former found one and got thereby into a good third place at Dock Point, but the latter was not so favoured and lost 4 minutes to *Payne* and *Sybil*. In the beat up the harbour in the strong breeze, *Maid Marian* passed *Erica* and got into first place and rounded Kowloon Rock with a lead of 41 minutes mere. The times here were—*Maid Marian* 3.1.10, *Erica* 3.1.15, *Chandler* 3.1.15, *Active* 3.1.15, *Phoebe* 3.1.15, *Payne* 3.1.15, *Sybil* 3.1.15, *Ladybird* 3.1.15, *Darl* 3.4.15, and *Active* 3.4.15.

The rear guard at Shihaoi, at 11 p.m., has been under arms since 6 a.m. The casualties were—

The Gordons, killed, Major R. D. Jennings Bramley and two privates; severely wounded, Lieutenant Pease, Scottish Rifles, temporarily attached to the Gordons; wounded 12 privates; K.O.S.B., killed, one private, wounded 4; 3rd Sikhs, killed 3 sepoys, wounded 11; 3rd Sikhs, killed 1 follower, wounded, 3 men, and 3 shoolie bearers. Total killed 10, wounded 52.

Work on the road in the Shagga defile is proceeding. Supplies are being collected from the Akhai villages bordering the defile, under a strong covering party.

SIMLA, October 20th.

The force which attacked the troops at Dargai consisted of 2,000 All Kohle, Manasuls and Alsholis, with some 3,000 men from the Garhakat lashkar, and a few hundred Kambarkhel Afidis.

LAHORE, October 19th.

Government has ordered a survey to be made at once for a light railway from Nowshera to the foot of the hills near Dargai. The line is to be on a 3 ft. gauge with light rails. It will be approximately 35 miles long. Mr. Beeson, Executive Engineer, with Mr. O'Hara, as Assistant Engineer, is in charge of the survey, which has already started and will take about two months to complete. The survey party will have a military escort.

PSHAWUR, October 19th.

The concentration of the 2nd Division is now complete at Shinwan.

SIMLA, October 19th.

A Sami Orakai lashkar, about 3,000 strong, has been for the last few days in the Khanki Valley, at Khangar, on the road to the Sangpah Pass. Yesterday they were joined by an Afidi lashkar about 1,800 strong, while another lasher about 3,000 strong is said to be at Ramdean, also in the Khanki Valley. The Garhakat lashkar, 600 strong, in the hills south of the Khanki stream, have reported in response to strong entreaties of the Afidis, that the Mishti and Shiah Orakai clans have agreed to join the hostile coalition from which they had held aloof.

ALLAHABAD, October 19th.

The tribal Jirgas which have come into Jamrud from Tirah will, it is understood to be instructed to carry their representations to Sir William Lockhart, somewhat late in the day, for the Afridi and Afidis make "statements," explanatory or otherwise, they will learn the terms imposed by Government when our troops have entered Tirah, whether without fighting. The Afridi on the other hand, have sent on to Fort Lockhart a copy of the Government Proclamation, on the back of which they have scrawled their views. They have four grievances, (1) that the coolie emigrants from the provinces of Kwangtung and Fukien are the carriers of leprosy wherever they go. It follows therefore, that as Hongkong is the usual port of embarkation for these coolies, it is the chief distribution centre of leprosy in these regions.

"A great responsibility therefore rests upon the Government of Hongkong. If not legally compelled to interfere, surely a moral duty is incumbent upon the ruling power under whose control is the cleansing of the foul region.

"Finally, as almost all vessels from Chinese ports pass through Hongkong, the Government, through its harsh tax department, ought to insist on a careful medical inspection of all ships carrying coolies on the Pacific littoral, are subjected.

"A closer inspection, however, would undoubtedly reveal many men in the initial stages of leprosy about to start as emigrants.

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J. W. MacMillan	Cargo for JAVA PORTS, SAID AND PORT, SAID.....	
OMI MARU.....	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE.....	FRIDAY, 16th November, at 4 P.M.
C. Young		
HAKATA MARU.....	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	MONDAY, 19th November, at 4 P.M.
R. Nitivon.....		
IDZUMI MARU.....	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	FRIDAY, 19th November, at 4 P.M.
R. Norome		
TOKIO MARU.....	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	MONDAY, 22nd November, at 4 P.M.
E. W. Haswell		
SENDAI MARU.....	VLADIVOSTOCK, VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHENGULFO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN and GENSAN.....	FRIDAY, 19th November, at 4 P.M.
C. Olsen		
HIROSHIMA MARU.....	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA Ports), and COLOMBO.....	TUESDAY, 23rd November, at Noon.
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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1897 [1664]

NOTICE.

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No.	Name of Applicant	Whether before licensed	Description of licence.	Sign of House.	Situation of House.
1	Joachim Gomez	Yes.	Publican's licence. The Man, at the No. 306, Queen's Wheel Hotel..... Road Central.		
2	I. P. Madar	"	The New Victoria No. 9, Queen's Road Hotel..... Central.		
3	G. J. Casanova	"	The Peak Hotel..... Rural Building Lot 77, Peak.		
4	L. M. Lobo	"	The Kowloon Hotel, Elgin Road, British Kowloon.		
5	A. R. Hock Goon	No.	The Grand Hotel ... Nos. 240, 242 & 244, Queen's Road Central.		
6	John A. Drewes	Yes.	The Praya East Nos. 38 & 39, Praya East.		
7	M. Stenberg	"	The Colonial Hotel... No. 1, Jubilee Street.		
8	I. Silberman	"	The Globe Hotel... No. 184, Queen's Road Central.		
9	G. Neubrunn	"	The Land we live in Nos. 332, and 334, Queen's Road Central.		
10	C. A. Stuhlmann	"	The Travellers' Hotel Nos. 12 & 13, Victoria Street.		
11	W. Krater	"	The Rose, Shamrock No. 299, Queen's & Thistle Hotel ... Road Central.		
12	Anne Molholth	Adjunct licence.	The Criterion Nos. 21 and 23, Restaurant.		
13	F. I. F. Bedford	"	Publican's licence, The Western Hotel, Nos. 90 & 92, Queen's Road West.		
14	Hans Jentzsch	"	The German Tavern No. 268, Queen's Road Central, and also three upper floors of No. 266, Queen's Road Central.		
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16	Jas. Goodchild	"	Thomas' Grill Room No. 2, Queen's Road Central.		
17	P. Bohm	"	The Windsor Hotel No. 13, Queen's Road Central.		
18	Cawasjee Byramjee	"	The Hung Hom Hotel No. 30, Balkeley St., Hung Hom.		
19	A. D. Death	No.	The Hongkong Hotel Nos. 21, 23, 25 & 31, Queen's Road Central, and Nos. 1 and 3, Pedder's Street.		
20	Moosa Mahomed	Yes.	The Stag Hotel Nos. 148 and 150, Queen's Road Central.		
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